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SUBJ: REVIVAL OF TURKISH INTEREST IN RENEGOTIATING CIVIL  
AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT WITH U.S.

1. GUNDUZ GUNGEN, TURKISH DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION,  
MENTIONED INFORMALLY TO ECON COUNSELOR ON RECENT SOCIAL  
OCCASION THAT HE HAD SENT A LETTER JUNE 17 TO MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROPOSING RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS  
ON A NEW BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT WITH U.S.

2. GUNGEN COMMENTED THAT TURKISH PARLIAMENT HAD IN-  
STRUCTED GOT IN 1967 TO RENEGOTIATE ALL SUCH AGREEMENTS.  
EVERY YEAR GOVERNMENT IS CRITICIZED IN PARLIAMENT FOR  
HAVING FAILED TO RENEGOTIATE AGREEMENT WITH U.S.,  
LAST COUNTRY REMAINING TO BE DEALT WITH. GUNGEN SAID  
CURRENT BILATERAL (1946) WAS NEGOTIATED BEFORE US-UK  
BERMUDA AGREEMENT WHICH WAS PATTERN FOR SUBSEQUENT US  
BILATERALS; TURKISH AGREEMENT HAS THEREFORE LONG BEEN  
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OUT OF LINE WITH OTHER US BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREE-  
MENTS.

3. ASKED WHAT TURKEY WANTED TO ACHIEVE FROM SUCH AN  
AGREEMENT, GUNGEN LAUGHED AND SAID IT WOULD LIKE TO  
FREEZE PAN AM FREQUENCIES AT THEIR PRESENT LOW LEVEL.  
HE ALSO HOPED TO ACHIEVE UNDERSTANDING THAT PAN AM WOULD

PROVIDE MORE ADVERTISING OF TURKISH TOURIST ATTRACTIONS THAN IT CURRENTLY DOES. GUNGEN CLAIMED THAT PAN AM WAS DOING A GOOD JOB FOR GREECE IN THIS RESPECT.

4. GUNGEN SAID THAT DELAY IN FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY OR DEALY OF A NEW GOVERNMENT, ONCE ESTABLISHED, IN GETTING ORGANIZED, WOULD NOT PLACE OBSTACLES IN WAY OF NEGOTIATIONS. BY THIS STATEMENT HE IMPLIED THAT TURKISH NEGOTIATORS, LIKE HIMSELF, WERE ALREADY IN PLACE AND FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUES.

5. GUNGEN ESTIMATED THAT THE TURKS COULD BE READY TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FALL.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT THE USG WOULD WELCOME REOPENING NEGOTIATIONS AND WHAT DEPARTMENT WOULD REGARD US NEGOTIATING GOALS TO BE. WHILE EMBASSY FILES CONTAIN SOME MATERIAL DATING FROM 1974 ON ISSUE OF CAPACITY PROCEDURES AS DISCUSSED IN EARLIER ROUND OF US-TURKISH BILATERAL TALKS, NO FILES ON THE SUBJECT REMAIN HERE FROM 1973 WHEN MOST OF THE DISCUSSIONS APPARENTLY OCCURRED. FILES DO NOT GIVE US OVERALL VIEW OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED.  
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